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Hi. My family and I live in a little town named Newberry Springs east of Barstow. I just finished reading in the newspaper about the denial of funds requested by the Mojave Water Agency. I just have one comment. I am vastly concerned by the very obvious bias displayed in favor of Los Angeles and Orange County. Any state funding ALWAYS goes to Sacramento, LA, and Orange County and the immediately surrounding communities. Here in the high desert, we live and work in the DESERT! What will happen when there is no water? There are people who are transplanting to the area because of the safer environment for their families. Also, lack of smog, etc. That is putting a huge demand on our natural resources here in the desert. The more densely populated areas that have more resources and revenue should by rights receive lower state funding than the smaller poorer communities. To say that I am shocked would be a lie. It is very typical. So, what my point is, who is going to buy my home from me when the Victor Valley drains my water? The aquifers that feed the wells in my community will be in great demand. Who is going to provide my water? Please reconsider this decision and realize the people in the desert should receive priority. We after all live in the DESERT!

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